

why am I voting for Kerry? One major reason is because G.W. Bush has permitted and supported Fascism in our government and corporate spheres. A recent example of this is Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If this were done by singular private businesses, or if the broadcasting group were simultaneously offering a contrasting point of view, my objection would not be so critical.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge you to support Democracy in America. Part of this must include an unbiased and numerous private news companies rather than media conglomerants.
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